

Be A Guest of the Past

Lesson Title: Occupations from the Past

Objectives: TLW examine the occupations found throughout Johnson County during early settlement.

Materials: Use of the historic character role cards (master copy in trunk)
Photos of sample occupations (included in trunk)

Research materials: This lesson provides an opportunity to team teach with your media specialist. Ask your media specialist for assistance in finding resources to research professions.

Suggested resources:

Bobbie Kalman's Historic Communities Series provides a great deal of information on daily life during the 19th century with photos and descriptions of professions, tools, activities, clothing and hygiene, and the practice of housekeeping.

The internet is a helpful research tool for this activity. The living History Farms website (www.lhf.org) provides information about occupations on its page describing the 1875 town of Walnut Hill.

In addition, the book on Coralville that is included in the trunk also provides some information on the history of the mills.

Introduction: What do you think an ice-man does? There are many jobs that were popular in early history that may not even exist today. Today you are going to find out about many historic professions that were common when you (your historical character roles) were alive.

Student Activity: Students will research the professions listed on their cards and share their findings with their classmates. They will make a drawing that represents the occupation or do a pantomime of the profession.

Assessment/culmination: Students will attempt to guess each other's professions from the pantomimes.